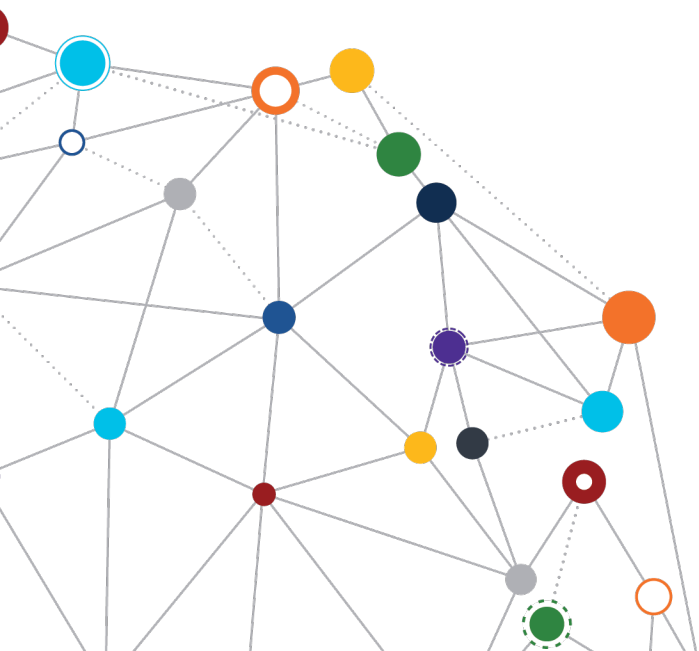




VS GUI User Guide Addendum

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1 Introduction

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Scheduling Graphical User Interface (VS GUI) module is the Windows GUI version of the Patient Information Management System (PIMS) Scheduling module. It provides appointment management functions included in PIMS Scheduling, but with the added convenience and usability of a GUI.

1.1 Purpose

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Veterans Access to Care (OVAC) requested an enterprise enhancement for the VS package that supports COVID-19 response. The enhancement reduces operating costs for VHA and improves operational efficiencies, resulting in patient-centered access to care, coordinated care, increased customer satisfaction, and the reduction of excessive cycle/wait time for scheduling patients.

1.2 Overview

VS GUI is a software module that allows schedulers to make appointments quickly by viewing multiple appointment request types and multiple clinics in one screen. A scheduler can easily view patient requests for service, find the next available open appointment, view the provider's availability in multiple clinics, and track a patient's appointment process. Refer to [System Summary](#) for a more detailed description of VS GUI functionality.

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1.4 Project References

1.4.1 Information

The VS GUI points of contact (POCs) include:

- » OVAC Program Office – REDACTED
- » TeleHealth & Scheduling Technical Manager – REDACTED
- » OVAC Emerging Technologies Acting Legacy Program Manager – REDACTED
- » OVAC Emerging Technologies VSE Subject Matter Expert (SME) – REDACTED

VSE Resources

- » Veterans Health Administration (VHA) VSE SharePoint: REDACTED
- » VA Software Document Library (VDL) – Scheduling (VSE manuals near the bottom):
<https://www.va.gov/vdl/application.asp?appid=100>
- » National Return to Clinic (RTC) Order: REDACTED

2 System Summary

The VSE project delivers a series of enhancements to legacy VistA Scheduling Version 5.3 via the VS GUI application.

This update is for the nationally released version 1.7.29.0, which includes VS GUI 1.7.29.0 and VistA patch SD*5.3*823. At time of publishing, install period is projected for September 2022.

VS GUI release 1.7.29 contains several improvements to scheduling functionality, user interface and back-end logic. As of this release, the logic for walk-in appointments has been updated for efficiency. Additionally, users are now able to navigate the appointment calendar timeslots and the pending appointments grid using only the keyboard.

Display changes for VS GUI as of this release include Preferred Gender and Gender being changed to Gender Identity and Birth Sex as well as only the last four of SSNs being displayed. Also, the patient friendly appointment list now includes a timestamp to show when the list was printed. This release fixes a few issues discovered relating to privileged users and prohibited clinics as well as an issue with MRTCs.

Finally, this release includes several new Remote Procedure Calls (RPC) as well as updated RPCs to support current and future functionality.

3 Key Feature Update in Version 1.7.29.0

3.1 Updates Preferred Gender and Gender to Gender Identity and Birth Sex

The field names Preferred Gender and Gender have been renamed to Gender Identity and Birth Sex to align with the VistA field names.

The screenshot shows a VistA patient form with tabs for Tasks, System, and Reports. The form contains the following fields:

- Name:
- Birth Sex: (highlighted with a red box)
- Preferred Name:
- Gender Identity: (highlighted with a red box)
- Demographics Updated:
- PCP:
- Patient Type:
- Street Address:
- City/State:
- Svc Connected:
- Sc Percent:
- MHP:
- Phone:
- Ward:

Buttons at the bottom include [Search Patients](#), [Refresh](#), [Clear](#), and [Select Patient](#).

Figure 1: Renamed Preferred Gender and Gender to Gender Identity and Birth Sex

3.2 Adjusts Walk-In Appointment Type to Automatically Generate Appointment Request

As of this release, a user will be able to create a walk-in appointment without creating an appointment request. Creating the walk-in will automatically create and disposition the appointment request and check-in the patient.

The screenshot shows an appointment interface with a grid of appointment slots. The grid has columns for time (4, 1, 1) and rows for dates (4, 4, 4). A context menu is open over the grid, showing the following options:

- Add Appointment
- Create Walk-in Appointment (highlighted with a red box)

Below the grid, a table shows the appointment details:

Aug 24, 2022@11:30	EASTERN	DEMO ONE	CHECKED IN
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The table is titled "Pending Appointments" and is highlighted with a red box.

Figure 2: Creating Walk-in Appointment Will Automatically Generate Appointment Request.

3.3 Modifies SSN in VS GUI to only Display Last 4 of SSN

Only the last 4 of the SSN will now be displayed in VS GUI to comply with VHA Directive 2012-035.

The image shows two parts of the VS GUI. The top part is a 'Patient Information' form with fields for Name, DOB, and SSN. The Name field contains 'VSE,TEST PATIENT', DOB contains '12/5/1957', and the SSN field contains '9999'. The bottom part is a table listing patient information. The first row has 'PATIENT NAME' and 'SSN' as headers. The second row has 'VSE,TEST PATIENT' and '9999'. Red boxes highlight the SSN fields in both the form and the table.

Figure 3: VS GUI now Only Shows only the Last 4 of SSN.

3.4 Adds Timestamp to Patient Friendly Appointment List

As of this release, the patient friendly appointment list will have a timestamp so there is visibility to when the list was printed.

Scheduled Appointments for TEST,IJ

Printed on: 8/24/2022 2:25:57 PM

Clinic	Date	Timezone
CHY CARDIOLOGY	Aug 26, 2022@08:30	EASTERN

Figure 4: Addition of Timestamp to Patient Friendly Appointment List.